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## OKLAHOMA GAS & ELECTRIC CO.

# Proposal addresses data centers

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OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma Corporation Commission has been asked to approve a utility company's proposal to prevent people from seeing bill increases related to the construction or operation of data centers or other high-energy-use facilities.

It will likely take months for the commission to review the proposal submitted by Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.

Data centers being built or planned to support the operations of major companies like Google and Meta have triggered debates in communities across the country. Concerns have centered over whether

homeowners or other ratepayers should have to share in the costs of getting the centers up and running and sustaining their utility needs.

Oklahoma lawmakers passed legislation earlier this year, House Bill 2992, requiring utilities to establish separate terms and conditions for large-load customers to ensure that existing customers don't end up having to unfairly subsidize their operations.

In a release, OG&E said that, among other things, its proposal would require large-load customers to pay 100% of their initial costs related to getting connected to the power grid.

"Other customers will never see any

rate impact for these transmission and distribution infrastructure costs," the company said.

OG&E also proposed that large-load customers should pay a charge totaling \$25 million to \$30 million per year to reduce residential customer bills. If that's approved, the Corporation Commission would be asked to approve funds to be credited to residential customers as part of OG&E rate review cases going forward.

Additionally, the company proposed:

- A mechanism that would allow regulators to identify energy cost inflation related to large-load users and act

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# Leaders celebrate plan for housing

Mixed-use development will be located in east Tulsa

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A new mixed-use development planned for east Tulsa is set to feature 44 acres of workforce and first-time housing and over 10 acres of commercial development.

Partners and community leaders gathered Monday to learn more and celebrate the plans for Lucent Valley, a 54-acre development near East 41st Street and South 129th East Avenue.

The development would be anchored by a proposed 100-room Fairfield by Marriott hotel with 5,000 square feet of meeting and convention space, according to the development's website.

Norman Rizwan, CEO of Lucent Real Estate Development Group, said a site groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting will be held in the next three or four months.

"The next steps are we are going to be asking for the permits from the city," Rizwan said. "Our engineers are working on the preliminary plats; those will be provided to the city, and they have to approve those so we can start moving the dirt."

According to Rizwan, the project has been in motion for the past several years but gained its footing when the city expressed its support for the development.

"It's been an exciting journey," Rizwan said. "This time (last) year, with the new administration of the city itself, it was such a positive reaction from them, which made us excited. That's where we said, 'OK, now we need to go full speed ahead.'"

Mayor Monroe Nichols said Monday that the development is important to the city's long-term plan to increase housing opportunities throughout Tulsa by adding 6,000 units in the next two years.

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## OKLAHOMA VS. NORTH CAROLINA | MEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES FINALS



DYLAN WIDGER-IMAGN IMAGES

Oklahoma players celebrate during the final game of the College World Series against North Carolina at Charles Schwab Field on Monday in Omaha, Neb. The Sooners' took an early lead and never looked back in the winner-take-all game against the Tar Heels. Full coverage in **Sports, Page B1**.

# Filmmaker shares inspiration behind new documentary

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Heather Daniels frantically fought to escape her burning, overturned car when the elbow of an off-duty firefighter smashed through her window and dragged her free three decades ago. The same man even returned to her mangled vehicle to retrieve her purse.

The mother of three couldn't get the name of her "guardian angel" before he left the scene on North Peoria Avenue, so she contacted the local newspaper to thank him. That's not something James "Big Daddy" Walker was used to.

He was used to being spit on and being called slurs. That was sometimes part of his job as a Black firefighter, he explained in a newly debuted documentary.

Walker's story is one of many featured in "Fighting More Than Fire," a film about the history of Black Tulsa firefighters. Tulsa filmmaker Keith

"Sneak" Daniels, son of Heather Daniels, said Walker's heroic efforts inspired him to share the relatively untold story of Tulsa's rich Black firefighting history through an 83-minute documentary.

He hosted a film Q&A session Friday evening at the Tulsa Fire Museum to introduce the film to local viewers.

"Being a Black firefighter, you have to fight even more than just fire or the calls that you have," Keith Daniels told the Tulsa World. "(There) is going to be an internal battle that you're going to have to overcome and a cultural battle just to succeed in this profession."

It was a topic that needed to be explored, Daniels said, and nobody had done it. And it fits right into the brand he's trying to build as a filmmaker and director.

He scribbled the words "Blackness,"

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# US waives Iran sanctions; Lebanon fighting abates

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Reuters

BUERGENSTOCK, Switzerland — The United States waived sanctions on Iran for 60 days from Monday after the first talks under a nascent peace deal, and officials reported calm in Lebanon after fighting that prompted Iran to declare the Strait of Hormuz closed.

After a weekend that seemed to put the week-old peace agreement in jeopardy, including threats from U.S. President Donald Trump to restart the war if Iran closed the strait, tanker traffic started to pick up through the waterway and oil prices resumed their slide.

U.S. Vice President JD Vance said his talks with Iranian officials in Switzerland laid a good foundation for a final peace deal, though Iran denied that it began discussions of its nuclear program.

The two sides, trying to build on the interim deal they signed last week, agreed to a road map toward a permanent agreement within 60 days at the talks in the Qatari-owned Swiss mountain resort of Buergenstock, mediators Pakistan and Qatar said.

They also agreed on a mechanism to end fighting in Lebanon between U.S. ally Israel and Iran-aligned Hezbollah, and opened a communications line to help ensure safe passage for commercial ships through the strait.

In the first major step of several foreseen under the agreement to provide Iran with economic benefits, the U.S. Treasury announced a waiver until Aug. 21 on sanctions, allowing Iran to sell oil and related products and receive payment for them.

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